

CITY OF LEOMINSTER

CITY COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 25, 2008

PUBLIC FORUM, 7:45 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL, 8:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF RECORDS

COMMUNICATIONS

- C-92 Relative to the appropriation of \$90,000.00 to the Rockwell Pond Improvement Expense Account; same to be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account. (Finance)
- C-93 Relative to the appropriation of \$300.00 to the Cemetery Expense Account; same to be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account. (Finance)
- C-94 Relative to the appropriation of \$750.00 to the Cemetery Expense Account; same to be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account. (Finance)
- C-95 Relative to the appropriation of \$2,500.00 to the Cemetery Overtime Account; same to be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account. (Finance)
- C-96 Relative to the appropriation of \$3,000.00 to the Cemetery Expense Account; same to be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account. (Finance)
- C-97 Relative to the appropriation of \$507,270.00 to the following accounts for the Year 34 Community Development Block Grant. (Ways & Means)
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| 1. Board of Health-Code Enforcement | \$78,778.00 |
| 2. Leominster Office of Planning & Development-Economic Development Program | 72,090.00 |

COMMUNICATIONS, continued

3. Leominster Office of Planning & Development-Housing Rehab Program (Includes \$10,000 for Elder Rehab Services)	178,878.00
4. Leominster Office of Planning & Development-Planning & Administration	101,454.00
5. Battered Women's Resources-Second Chance Program	4,600.00
6. Beacon of Hope-Respite Services	8,500.00
7. Leominster Community Coalition-No Place for Hate	880.00
8. Leominster Mayor's Office-Energy Assistance Program	6,000.00
9. Leominster Mayor's Office-Summer Youth Program	14,500.00
10. Leominster Mayor's Office-State Pool Fee Assistance	1,250.00
11. Leominster Recreation Department-Summer Financial Assistance	700.00
12. Montachusett Addiction Council-MAC Substance Abuse Center	4,300.00
13. Montachusett Home Care-Money Management for the Elderly Program	4,600.00
14. Montachusett Interfaith Hospitality Network-Interfaith Network	9,000.00
15. Montachusett Opportunity Council-Hmong Liaison Program	2,750.00
16. Multi-Service Center, Inc.-For Your Health	5,700.00
17. Multi-Service Center, Project Youth	1,100.00
18. Spanish American Center-Community Outreach Worker (Information & Referral) Total for both SAC programs	4,930.00
19. Spanish American Center-Verano Alegre/Summer Fun	See above
20. Veterans Hospice Homestead-Hero Homestead	7,260.00

MATTERS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF LEOMINSTER – FINANCIAL REPORT

FINANCE

C-84	Relative to the appropriation of \$10,000.00 to the Open Space Land Purchase Expense Account; same to be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account.
C-85	Relative to the appropriation of \$100,000.00 to the Fire Department Overtime Account; same to be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

MATTERS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL, continued

FINANCE, continued

- C-86 Relative to the appropriation of \$70,000.00 to the Police Salary and Wages Account; same to be transferred from the Collective Bargaining Expense Account.
- C-87 Relative to the appropriation of \$27,000.00 to the Police Salary and Wages Account; same to be transferred from the Collective Bargaining Prior Year Expense Account.
- C-88 Relative to the appropriation of \$7,000.00 to the Forestry Department Expense Account; same to be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account.
- 54-08 Rollin C. Lane: Grant a 50% tax abatement to taxpayers who are property owners that are 75 years of age or older, and whose property is their primary residence and who have no rental income from said property.

PUBLIC SERVICE

- C-89 Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Adopt an Ordinance requiring all utility companies to place proper identification, complete with all necessary contact information on any and all junction boxes, switching stations or any device which are located in a public way or on private property; such owner shall be responsible for maintaining all of the above structures or devices and keep them free of all stickers, markings or other foreign objects.

LEGAL AFFAIRS

- C-90 Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Amend Chapter 16, Section 16-30 of the Revised Ordinance entitled "Police Pay Scale" by deleting it in its entirety and inserting in its place a new Police Pay Scale.
- 45-08 James L. Xarras, Union Square Realty Trust: Grant a Special Permit to use 70% of a vacant Industrial complex at 453-511 Lancaster Street located in an Industrial Zone and shown on Assessor's Map 443A, Lots 1 and 6 for a Mixed Use Project. (Hearing continued to March 10, 2008 at 7 P.M.)

MATTERS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL, continued

LEGAL AFFAIRS, continued

- 48-08 Richard M. Marchand: Request the City Solicitor draft legislation to prohibit BYOB (Bring Your Own Booze) concept to be enforced throughout the City of Leominster and targeted for food establishments authorized by the local Board of Health.
- 55-08 Elizabeth Kelley, agent for Walton Whitney Investors V, LLC: Grant a Special Permit for emergency repairs of a damaged corrugated metal pipe and repair the surrounding river dike that has eroded at 100 Commercial Road and shown on Assessor's Map 567, as Lot 12 located within a Flood Plain. (Hearing set for March 10, 2008 at 7:15 P.M.)
- 56-08 John W. Smith: Amend the licensing fees to include outdoor cats and increase the fees to \$50.00 per animal and \$20.00 for each additional animal and fine those who do not license their animals \$200.00 for the first offense, \$500.00 for the second offense and loss of animals on the third; also create violations for excessive barking, improper disposal of pet defecation, and forbid the ownership of exotic animals.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- 57-08 David Rowlands: Add a street light to pole #24 on Airport Road.

SMALL BUSINESS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- C-91 Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Approve the Certified Project Application and authorize a Tax Increment Financing Agreement with the Paper Store, Inc., TPS LLC and the Paper Store Business Trust for the redevelopment of 46 Industrial Road.

WAYS & MEANS

- 53-08 Lynn Bouchard and Robert Salvatelli: Add to the City Council's Rules and Procedures a rule allowing for the destruction of DVD's, Audio and Video Tapes of the City Council Meeting after two years.

OLD BUSINESS

President's Drinking Water Oversight Committee

NEW BUSINESS

1st Reading Ordinance-Amend Section 16-30 of the Revised Ordinances entitled "Compensation Grades" creating a new Schedule P (1) thru P (5) Police Pay Scale to reflect the increase in wages 3% P-1 thru P-5 effective 7-1-2006, 4% P-1 and P-5 effective 7-1-2007, 5% P-2 thru P-4 effective 7-1-2007, 4% P-1 thru P-5 effective 7-1-2008 and effective 7-1-2007 an addition 1% of Base for Global Positioning System (GPS) Implementation for P-1 and P-5 only. (Legal Affairs Communication C-90)

TABLED PETITIONS UPON WHICH ACTION IS PROPOSED**PUBLIC SERVICE**

- 50-08 Peter A. Campobasso for Southgate Business Park, LLC: Accept an Easement Deed for installation of sewer and water services relative to the Massachusetts Opportunity Relocation and Expansion (MORE) Jobs Program Grant recently awarded to the City of Leominster.
- 51-08 Peter A. Campobasso for Southgate Business Park, LLC: Acquire land for the layout of Research Drive by accepting Release/Quitclaim Deeds in lieu of taking by eminent domain and acquiring by Easement Deeds any and all utilities necessary in lieu of taking for the purposes of completing the layout of Research Drive as a public way.

Lynn A. Bouchard
City Clerk
February 21, 2008